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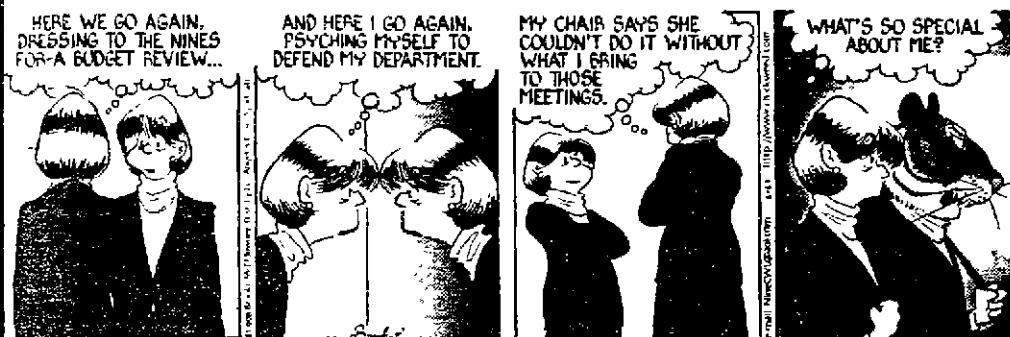
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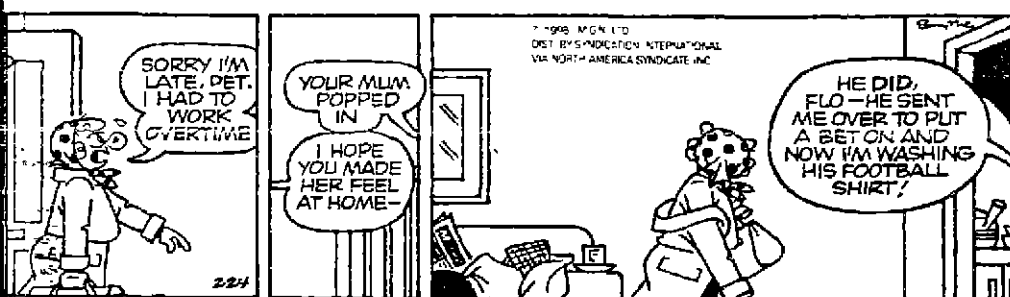
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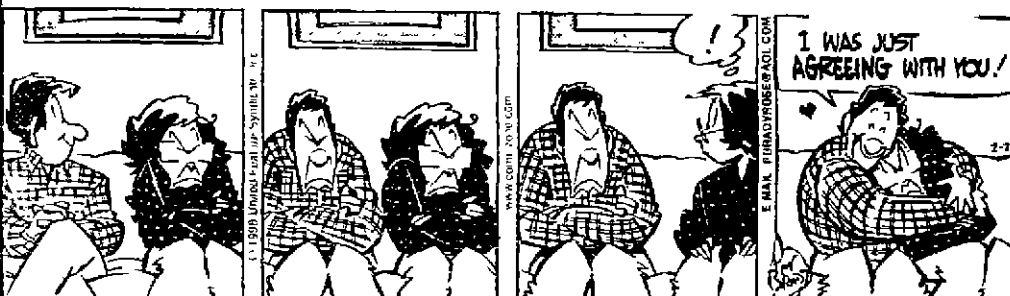
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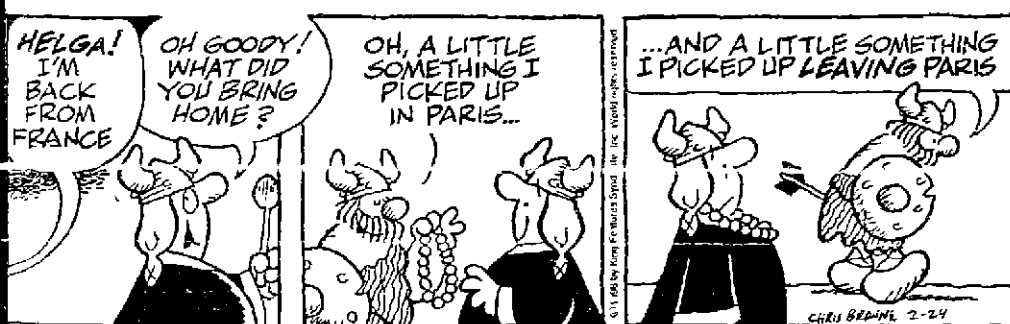
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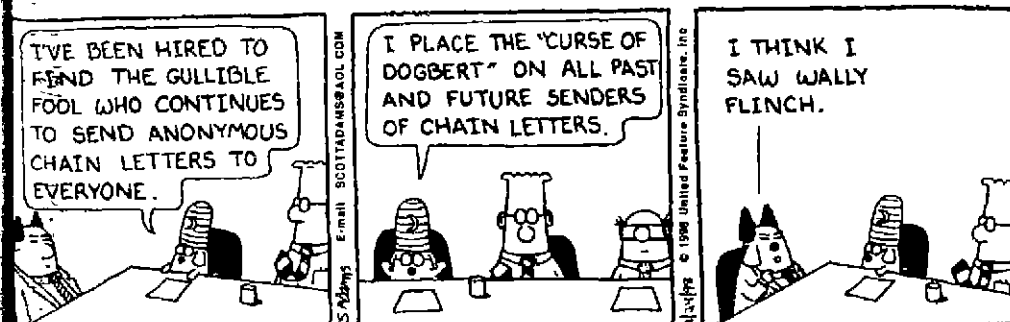
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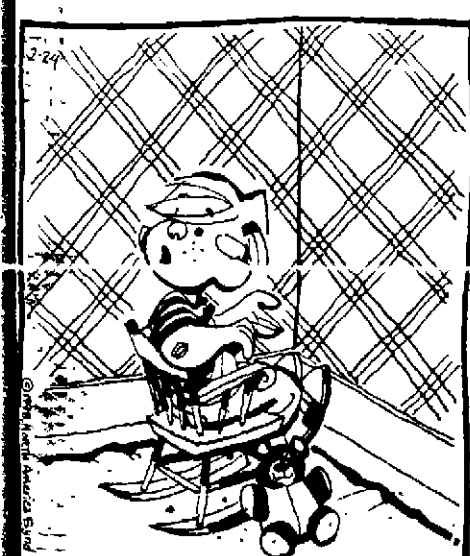
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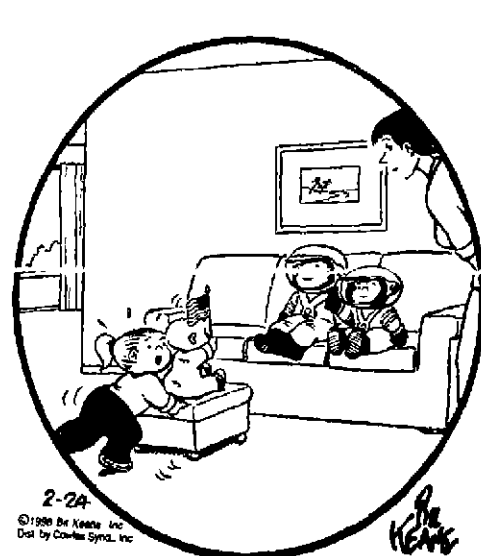
DILBERT



DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



CAN I SIT IN ANOTHER CORNER? I'M GETTING BORED LOOKING AT THE SAME OLD WALLPAPER."

"WE'RE LOOKING AT THE SAME OLD WALLPAPER."

RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



"You're not a very good teacher. You don't yell 'Watch out!' fast enough."

Today's Birthdays

Actor Abe Vigoda is 77. Actor Steven Hill ("Law and Order") is 76. Movie composer Michel Legrand is 68. Actor John...
 Versus is 66. Opera singer Renata Scotta is 63. Actor James Farentino is 60. Actor Barry Bostwick is 53. Actor Edward James Olmos is 51. Singer-writer-producer Rupert Holmes is 51. CBS News correspondent Paula Zahn is 42. Country singer Sammy Kershaw is 40. Singer Michelle Shocked is 36.

I NEED HELP



A protest at the university was easily dispersed today when riot police attached job applications to the front of their protective shields."

SCRABBLE

T	U	I	K	S	N	C	
S	E	U	S	T	D	R	
S	D	A	A	A	R	W	2nd Letter Double
V	R	R	A	E	C	A	Triple Word Score

PAR SCORE 105-115
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrim-Webster) and CSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 2-24-98

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

Odd-numbered letters only

H R O K S K H D A X U Q N K H
 E B Y V C G S P M J H E B Y V
 T O O L W I G W A M I G D B Y
 W T R P M K M E I M F D B Y W
 U S O O M K I M S F M O D B E
 Z X W U S Q E A I S W O E O S
 N L J H F K D G C G E K E A E
 Y W V T A S I O A W O C S O M
 P N L U K I H O F M U C E A
 C B Q Z Y W V U S A I C S U I
 R O P N M L J I S K W A U Q S

Monday's unlisted clue: RETAIL

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Tuesday's unlisted clue hint: BACON AND -

Ammo	Image	Sauce	Success
Cuckoo	Kiosk	Samosa	Wigwag
Game	Moscow	Smoke	Woe
Gimmick	Quake	Squawk	

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For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Wednesday, Feb. 25, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You need to restock your cupboards, but you don't have to overspend. Look for bargains, and clip those coupons!
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's not a good idea to let a child get involved in your arguments. You and your mate should discuss this matter privately.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Some welcome a new addition to the family. Others find a welcome respite from the normal routine.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You'll have to postpone socializing. You need to tend to what's unfinished, both at work and at home.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Do your best to fend off boredom and find something to break up your day. Perhaps a lunch with friends is in order.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You can't put off that decision any longer. You've looked at every side of the issue, and you know where you stand.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) If possible, try to get some time off. You need to relax and get away from it all.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Overzealousness on your part is fine. However, not everyone is as enthusiastic as you.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) If out shopping, be sure you safeguard your wallet. Otherwise, a dishonest person could take advantage of you.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Tread lightly around a certain sensitive person. Although you feel the need to say something, this isn't the time to spout off.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) This is one of those times you feel that you and your mate are speaking entirely different languages. You just can't seem to connect.
PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) It's a good time to learn a new skill or take up a new hobby. Your quick mind easily absorbs what you need to know.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

"How does a good 13-point hand differ from a poor one?" asks a reader. Several factors are involved. Prime cards are more valuable than delayed values; concentrated honors are better than scattered; and finally, spot cards can be most important. (Tens and nines add suit body to develop tricks.) Today's deal demonstrates how spot cards can make a big difference. East takes his diamond ace and returns the heart 10, which South ducks. West wins his king and returns a heart to South's ace. Trumps fall in two rounds, and success depends on avoiding two club losers. Had dummy held the club 10 or nine, the play would be routine. South would cash his red-suit winners and then lead a low club to dummy's 10 to clinch the game when dummy holds A-J-10 of clubs. If East wins, he is out of safe leads. If dummy holds A-J-9 of clubs, it's best to lead low to dummy's nine, hoping West has the 10. You pay off to the brave West who plays low from K-Q-x. How best to play the clubs in today's layout? South should win West's heart exit with dummy's queen and cash dummy's club ace. Then he cashes dummy's top trumps and leads a heart to his ace. After cashing his diamond king, he leads a club toward dummy's jack. If either defender is left with a singleton high honor, the defense is helpless. This plan is much better than finding K-Q-x with West.

NORTH
 ♠ K 7 2
 ♥ Q 5 3
 ♦ Q
 ♣ A J 7 6 5

WEST
 ♠ J 6
 ♥ K 7 4
 ♦ J 10 8 6 5
 ♣ K 10 9

EAST
 ♠ 8 4
 ♥ 10 9 8 6
 ♦ A 9 4 3 2
 ♣ Q 8

SOUTH
 ♠ A 10 9 5 3
 ♥ A J 2
 ♦ K 7
 ♣ 4 3 2

Vulnerable: North-South
 Dealer: South
 The bidding:
 South West North East
 1 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
 4 ♠ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Diamond jack

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

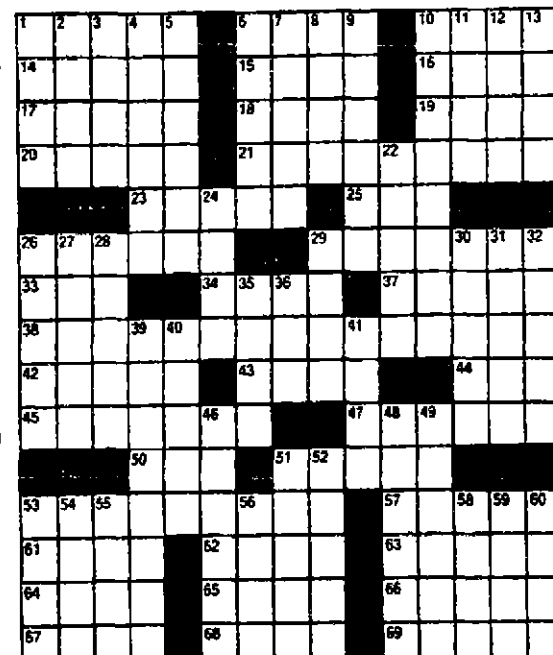
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ACROSS

- 1 Setting for the lingo in today's theme
- 6 Brck material
- 10 Cutting remark
- 14 Tiltak
- 15 Bonheur or Parks
- 16 Birthplace of seven Presidents
- 17 NASA satellite launcher
- 18 Thomas Moore's land
- 19 Indicates assent
- 20 Begin's peace partner
- 21 [] []
- 22 Oral Roberts University site
- 23 Tarzan portrayer
- 24 Request sweetener
- 25 Entertainer
- 26 Physics unit
- 27 Elephant Boy of 30's film
- 28 Hippodrome
- 29 [] [] [] []
- 30 Contemptuous look
- 31 Certain Ford, for short
- 32 Call — day
- 33 Saw-toothed
- 34 Reduce
- 35 Mid-afternoon on a sundial
- 36 Luxurious
- 37 [] [] []
- 38 [] [] []
- 39 Cassettes
- 40 Concert halls
- 41 Trick
- 42 R-rated or higher
- 43 Large ball sound
- 44 Writer Bagnold
- 45 T, in physics
- 46 Otherwise
- 47 Pixels
- 48 Calvin Trillin piece
- 49 New Englander
- 50 Cemetery, informally
- 51 Mail, on the briny
- 52 Carnival attraction
- 53 Supervisor
- 54 "Pomp and Circumstance" composer
- 55 "Sigh!"
- 56 Spell-off
- 57 Birthright
- 58 Hiker's spot
- 59 Gardening tool
- 60 German industrial region
- 61 Manor
- 62 Sunglasses
- 63 Propose
- 64 City on the Air
- 65 Ear part
- 66 Person with fans
- 67 "Don't move!"
- 68 Counting method
- 69 Jupiter's wife
- 70 Cat
- 71 Scat lady
- 72 "Don't move!"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

FIWIE DAILY SING
 ONTY RUIN LUCAS
 OTOR ENTR ORESE
 DOWN IN THE MOUTH
 NOC IER
 UP IN THE AIR BAAS
 TONGA LUTE OLI
 TONGA LUTE SALAD
 ETS PHIL CLARE
 REER OUTONALIMB
 ANN EMS
 LEAST ARID UHOW
 EERIE TILL LOVE
 ISLE SOLI SPAN



Puzzle by Stanley D. Weitzman

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